

**Math 201 - Test 1**  
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Show all work. Supply explanations when necessary.

1. (10 points) Let  $f(x) = x[\sqrt{x+1} - \sqrt{x}]$ .

- (a) For which  $x$ -values would you expect to encounter a loss of significance when computing  $f(x)$ ?

For LARGE VALUES OF X,  $\sqrt{x+1} \approx \sqrt{x}$ ,  
AND THE COMPUTATION OF  $f(x)$  INVOLVES  
SUBTRACTION OF NEARLY EQUAL QUANTITIES.

- (b) Use six-digit arithmetic with rounding to compute  $f(100)$ . By comparing your result with your calculator's (full precision) result, determine how many digits in your computation are correct.

Six-Digit...

CALCULATOR'S VALUE...

$$f(100) = 100(10.0499 - 10) = \boxed{4.99000}$$

$$4.98756$$

ONLY TWO DIGITS  
ARE CORRECT

IN THE SIX-DIGIT  
COMPUTATION.

- (c) Rewrite the expression for  $f(x)$  in such a way that loss of significance is avoided.

$$f(x) = \frac{x[\sqrt{x+1} - \sqrt{x}][\sqrt{x+1} + \sqrt{x}]}{1 \cdot [\sqrt{x+1} + \sqrt{x}]} = \frac{x(x+1 - x)}{\sqrt{x+1} + \sqrt{x}} = \boxed{\frac{x}{\sqrt{x+1} + \sqrt{x}}}$$

- (d) Using six-digit arithmetic with rounding, recompute  $f(100)$  with your new expression. Determine how many digits are correct.

Six-Digit...

$$\frac{100}{10.0499 + 10} = \frac{100}{20.0499} = \boxed{4.98756}$$

All six digits

ARE CORRECT

(WHEN COMPARED TO  
CALCULATOR).

2. (3 points) The value of  $\pi$  is given by the series

$$4 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \dots \right)$$

Use the first seven terms of this series to approximate  $\pi$  and find the relative error in your approximation.

$$4 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{9} - \frac{1}{11} + \frac{1}{13} \right) = 3.283738\dots$$

$$\text{REL ERROR} = \left| \frac{\text{COMPUTED VALUE} - \pi}{\pi} \right| = 0.045246\dots \approx 4.5\%$$

3. (2 points) Notice that  $\cos(100000000001\pi) = -1$ . However, if you attempt to evaluate  $\cos(100000000001\pi)$  on your TI-83/84 calculator, you will get a domain error. Explain why your calculator cannot compute this value.

BECAUSE THE TI-83/84 USE 13-DIGIT ARITHMETIC,

THE CALCULATOR CAN'T TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN

BIG NUMBERS WHOSE FIRST 13 DIGITS MATCH.

YOUR CALCULATOR "BELIEVES"  $100000000000/\pi$  IS THE SAME AS

4. (2 points) Give an example of an expression that makes use of the operators  $<=$ ,  $||$ , and  $!=$ , and has a value of one (true).

$1000000000000/\pi$ ,

BUT THESE NUMBERS

HAVE VERY DIFF. COSINES.

$$(5 <= 3) || (1 != 2)$$

FALSE OR TRUE  $\rightarrow$  TRUE

5. (2 points) Give an example of an expression that makes use of the operators  $==$ ,  $\&\&$ , and  $!$ , and has a value of zero (false).

$$(7 == 8) \&\& !(7 > 4)$$

FALSE AND NOT TRUE  $\rightarrow$  FALSE

6. (1 point) By default, how many significant digits are displayed in a C++ program?

6 DIGITS

7. (2 points) A function has the following header line:

int func( float x )

Could such a function return the value 13.5? Explain.

No, THIS FUNCTION RETURNS AN INT TYPE

8. (6 points) Suppose  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  have all been declared integers and assigned the common value of 3. What will the values of all three variables be after each statement is executed.

(a)  $a += (b + c)$

$a = a + (b + c)$



a = 9  
b = 3  
c = 3

(b)  $a = (++b) + (c++)$

$a = 4 + 3$

a = 7  
b = 4  
c = 4

(c)  $a = (b != ++c)$

$a = (3 != 4)$   
TRUE

a = 1  
b = 3  
c = 4

9. (2 points) Determine the output of the following program. Explain.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    float x = 2e+20, y = 3e+30;
    cout << x * y + 1.0f;

    return( 0 );
}
```

THE OUTPUT WILL BE

inf BECAUSE  $X * Y$  WILL

RESULT IN OVERFLOW.

$X * Y$  IS TOO BIG

FOR FLOATS.

10. (2 points) Give an example of a header line for a function that returns a Boolean type and accepts two arguments: an integer type and a double type.

```
bool func(int x, double y)
```

11. (3 points) Determine the exact output of the following program.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    int i;
    i = 12.7;

    if ( i > 12 ) {
        cout << 5 + (i++) << endl;
    }
    else {
        cout << "Have a great\n day!" << endl;
    }

    return( 0 );
}
```

Have a great  
day!

(LINE BREAK)

(RETURN TO OS)

12. (3 points) Explain how and why one would use the keyword const.

Use const AS PART OF A DECLARATION AND DEFINITION  
e.g. const float x = 1.59375;

THIS WILL NOT ALLOWED X TO BE CHANGED IN THE PROGRAM,

13. (3 points) Write a for statement for the following case: AND YOU'LL GET A COMPILE-

Use a counter named icnt that has an initial value of 10, a final value of 45,  
and an increment of 5.

TIME ERROR

IF YOU  
TRY.

```
int icnt;
for ( icnt = 10; icnt <= 45; icnt += 5 )
```

14. (4 points) Find four compile-time errors in the following source code.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main( )
{
    const float _E_ = 2.71828;
    cout << sin( _E_ ) << endl;
    double num;
    3.1415926 = num;
    _E_ += 10;
    return( 0 );
}
```

← SIN IS NOT DEFINED  
SINCE <CMATH> IS NOT INCLUDED

← A CONSTANT CANNOT BE ASSIGNED A VALUE.

← A CONST TYPE CANNOT BE CHANGED

MISSING TERMINATOR

15. (5 points) Complete the following C++ program, which uses a for loop to display the values of  $\sin(0.1)$ ,  $\sin(0.2)$ , ...,  $\sin(1.0)$ . (Each value is to be displayed on its own line.)

```
#include <iostream>
#include <cmath>
using namespace std;

int main( )
{
    for(int i = 1; i <= 10; i++)
        cout << sin(0.1*i) << endl;

    return( 0 );
}
```

16. (Extra Credit 2 pts) Suppose you want each value in your program above to be displayed with at most 4 significant digits. How can this be accomplished?